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PATENT

Applicant:	Sugiyama et al.	Docket No.:	30598.0004
Serial No.:	08/960,431	Art Unit:	3723
Filed:	October 29, 1997	Examiner:	Nguyen, G.
Title	FLATTENING METHOD AND FLATTENING APPARATUS OF A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE	Confirmation No.:	5997

RESPONSE / LETTER

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2004, of which period of time for Response is extended two (2) months to and including January 30, 2005, please consider the following. Applicants note that the Response due date of January 30, 2005 fell on a Sunday, and accordingly, the period for response is hereby extended to and including Monday, January 31, 2005.

REMARKS

The Office Action of September 30, 2004 states that the Supplemental Declaration was approved by the SPRE, however, that the surrender of the original Patent was not found in the file. Consequently, the Office Action states that the application is in condition for allowance if one of the following actions is completed:

- 1) Submit a copy of a letter indicating that Applicant did surrender the original Patent including a post card receipt; or